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Mr. Matthew Baird

Director, Office of Training

Dear Matt,

I am gratified at your warm remarks on the contribution the Office of Basic Intelligence has made to the training mission of the Agency. We feel that we too have profitted greatly from the training given our staff by your very capable assistants over the past year. It has been of substantial aid to us in pursuing our goal of providing the most effective, comprehensive, and reliable basic intelligence possible. We shall continue to offer every aid we can in the training mission and to draw fully upon the capabilities and facilities of OTR for the training of our staff.

We look forward to continuing close cooperation with OTR in 1957. Perhaps Santa Claus will place a couple of JOT's, all packaged and ready to work, under the OBI tree this Christmas. This we would find most welcome!

25X1A9a [redacted] joins me in warmest personal regards and in our best wishes to your staff for a most successful New Year.

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Assistant Director  
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